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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 0006 on page 3 with the following amended paragraph.

[0006] Another embodiment of the present invention provides an aggregation engine for an electronic commerce system that reduces the number of purchase orders issued and enables the buyer(s) to take advantage of seller volume discounts.

Please replace paragraph 0030 on page 10 with the following amended paragraph.

[0030] One classification system that would preferably be supported by the aggregation engine would be the UN/SPSC classification. The UN/SPSC classification schema is a widely accepted system. ~~UN/SPSP~~ UN/SPSC classifications appear in various electronic trade documents such as product catalogs, websites and other computer applications. This system is a hierarchical 5-level system permitting "drill down" and "roll up" analysis. These 5 levels include segment, family, class, commodity and business function. Each level contains a two-character numerical value and a textual description. The fifth level (business function) can indicate business relationship to the supplier such as rental/lease, retail or original equipment manufacturer.